



ACTIVITY: Surfing

CASE: [GSAF 2016.01.11.R](#)

DATE: Reported Monday January 11, 2016 (It happened over the weekend)

LOCATION: The incident took place at Happy Valley Beach in Caloundra, 90 miles north of Brisbane, Queensland, Australia.

NAME: Shane Hilder

DESCRIPTION: He is a teacher at Maroochy High School.

BACKGROUND

MOON PHASE: New Moon, January 10, 2016

SEA CONDITIONS: The sea was murky.

DISTANCE FROM SHORE: 50 metres



NARRATIVE: Shane Hilder was taking his 10-year-old daughter, Molly, surfing. They were in a crowd of surfers when he felt something bang into his leg. "I thought it might have been an adult body surfer underwater, but I knew it was heavier than that," Hilder said. "It had a lot of weight to it so I knew it was something big and that's when I jumped back and it bit me. Luckily it let go straight away. I didn't really feel any pain." When the shark surfaced between Hilder and his daughter he recognized that it was a wobbegong shark. "It was an accidental bite," he said. "[Wobbegongs] don't go out and hunt people. He just ran into me and bit me to tell me to go away."

INJURY: The patient sustained a wound about five centimeters in diameter to the dorsum of his right foot. No tendons were damaged.

FIRST AID / TREATMENT: Hilder gathered his children and drove to a hospital where the injury was sutured and Hilder remained in hospital overnight.

SPECIES: A wobbegong shark four feet in length

SOURCES: ABC Sunshine Coast, January 11, 2016
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Hilder said the incident will not deter him from surfing when his wound heals. Right to left: Shane Hilder, his daughter Molly and his son, Harry. Molly was surfing two days after her father was bitten by the shark.



Tasselled wobbegong shark : Queensland